

My New Chinchilla



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Best Parents Ages 13 to 99! Maturity required.

Post a picture of your new pet on social media!

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Housing

Choose a large habitat with multiple levels for climbing and jumping. Place in an area with minimal drafts, near people. Chinchillas are sensitive to heat. The ideal temperature for their habitat is 60-70F with low humidity.

They cool themselves through their feet. Provide a marble or stone slab or buy a cooling mat.



Bedding

- Soft paper bedding.



Food

- Fortified food. Under 1 year of age, chinchillas can eat all that they want. After 1 year, feed two (2) tablespoons of food along with a little alfalfa & lots of hay (timothy, orchard, and botanical hay).
- Water
- Fresh veggies, tiny amongst of fruit.



Pet Facts

- Live up to 20 years.
- Very active & playful.
- Bond quickly with owners.
- High metabolism. Requires a diet higher in protein & fat.
- Can jump as high as three feet.
- Delicate bones. Handle gently.



How to hold your friend.

Helpful Pet Tips

- They like to work to find their food. Try hiding it.
- Their teeth continually grow their entire lives. MUST have hay to chew their entire lives.
- Introduce change slowly.
- Do not get their fur wet. Fungal growth may occur.
- Provide house for dust bath once per week. Remove after 30 minutes.
- Feet are small. Provide a solid, slip-proof and/or felt covered floor.
- Chinchillas hop! They need space to do so.
- A large play pen and/or outdoor time suggested. Supervise outdoors to protect from predators.
- Caution: They chew electrical wires, furniture, etc.



Must Have Supply List

- Habitat - 4 sq. ft. of floor space per pet or larger - Multi-level
- A hay manager
- Food bowl
- Water drip bottle
- Fortified food
- Grass hay varieties
- Dust bath house for dust baths
- A place to hide
- Chew toys
- Cooling mat



Other Supplies We Love

- Play yard
- Toys to play, chew, & explore
- Hay based treats - Avoid nuts, seeds, & corn
- Wicker/stick logs
- Timothy hay toys
- Pillows & blankets with caution (chinchillas chew)
- Carrier
- Hairbrush/comb
- Care book



Websites We Trust for More Information

OxbowAnimalHealth.com | VitakraftSunseed.com

